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[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

TO

Amend the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880; and for A.D. 1880.
other purposes relating thereto.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1880. Short title.

2. Whereas by the seventeenth section of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, it is enacted that the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland shall advance to the Commissioners of Public Works, out of any moneys at their disposal or which they may raise on the security of their annual income, such sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds as the Commissioners of the Treasury may from time to time direct, and whereas the said limited sum has been found insufficient for the purposes of the Act: And whereas it is desirable to enable the Commissioners of Public Works on the recommendation of the Local Government Board to advance moneys by way of grant to the board of guardians in any union authorised to give out-door relief under section three of the Relief of Distress, Ireland, Act, 1880, subject to the restrictions and conditions herein-after set forth :

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*Amendment
of Relief of
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Therefore, the seventeenth section of the said Act shall be construed as if the words one million five hundred thousand pounds were therein substituted for the words seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds: And with the view of facilitating the raising of the said increased sum, the Commissioners for the Reduction of the

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A.D. 1880. National Debt and the Commissioners of Church Temporalities may from time to time vary the terms for the repayment of any loan made or to be made by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and the security for such loan: And the Treasury may, if they think fit, from time to time continue their guarantee 5 to the loan and security varied as aforesaid.

The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland may from time to time on the recommendation of the Local Government Board grant to the board of guardians in any union authorised to give out-door relief under the third section of the Relief of Distress, 10 Ireland, Act, 1880, out of the said sum of one million five hundred thousand pounds, such moneys as the Local Government Board may find necessary, having regard to the financial condition of such union and the pressure of distress within its limits, to aid in giving out-door relief in such union: Provided that the entire sum to be 15 so granted shall not exceed two hundred thousand pounds.

Powers of
Board of
Works.

3. The Commissioners of Public Works may, if they think fit, from time to time, with the consent of the Treasury, out of any moneys placed at their disposal by Parliament for the making of loans or grants, apply such sums not exceeding in all the sum of 20 forty-five thousand pounds as the Treasury may sanction for the purposes of the Fishery Piers Act, to be expended in the manner therein mentioned, but subject to the conditions of this Act.

Provided that the power conferred upon the Commissioners by this section shall only be exercised with reference to works for 25 which an application by memorial under the Fishery Piers Act shall have been made before the passing of this Act or for which an application by memorial shall be made after the passing of this Act and before the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

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Terms upon
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take works.

4. When any person interested in the execution of any work which might be executed under the Fishery Piers Act pays to the Commissioners of Public Works one fourth part of the cost of such work as estimated by the Commissioners, they may, with the consent of the Treasury, publish in the Dublin Gazette or otherwise, 35 as they shall think fit, a notice of their intention to undertake such work, which notice shall be instead of, and shall have all the force and effect of the final notice mentioned in the sixteenth section of the Fishery Piers Act.

Before publishing such notice the Commissioners may, if they 40 think fit, do any matter or thing, and shall have and may if they

think fit exercise any right, power, or authority in connexion with such work, which they might do or would have with reference to any of the proceedings preliminary to the publication of the final notice mentioned in the Fishery Piers Act if the work were undertaken in strict compliance with the said Act.

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The provisions contained in the following sections of the Fishery Piers Act, that is to say, section four, sub-section four, section five, and sections ten to fifteen, both included, relative to proceedings preliminary to the publication of such notice, shall not apply to any such work.

5. At any time after the publication by the Commissioners of Public Works of any such notice as is mentioned in this Act the Commissioners may commence and proceed with the works proposed to be executed and to which such notice relates.

Power to undertake works.

15 The Commissioners may, if they think fit, do any matter or thing, and shall have and may if they think fit exercise any right, power, or authority with reference to such work, which they might do or would have if the work were undertaken in strict compliance with the Fishery Piers Act, and all the enactments contained in that Act, save so far as they are modified by this Act, shall apply as nearly as may be with reference to any such work.

25 6. When such work has been constructed, all the provisions of the Fishery Piers Act and of the Act of the session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, as amended by any Act or Acts, shall apply to such work as if it was a pier constructed in strict compliance with the Fishery Piers Act.

Management and maintenance of works when constructed.

7. The fourth and fifth sections of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, shall be amended as follows; (that is to say,)

Amendment of terms of loans to boards of guardians.

30 (1.) The term for which money may be borrowed by the board of guardians of any union authorised to give out-door relief under the third section of the Relief of Distress, Ireland, Act, 1880, shall be extended to twelve years. The rate of interest at which the Commissioners of Public Works may lead to any such board of guardians shall be reduced to one per centum per annum; and, in the case of any loan by the Commissioners of Public Works to any such board of guardians, the payment of the first instalment payable in respect of such loan may, with the consent of the Treasury, be postponed for any period not exceeding two years from the making of the loan, and no interest shall

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he charged on such loan during any such period of postponement of payment of the first instalment :

- (2.) The board of guardians of any union authorised as aforesaid, and which has contracted any loan for the purpose of giving out-door relief under the provisions of the said Act, 5 may borrow money under the provisions of this section to pay off such loan :
- (3.) So much as may be necessary of the said sum of one million five hundred thousand pounds payable by the Commissioners of Church Temporalities to the Commissioners of Public Works shall be applied by the Commissioners of Public Works in making good any advances by way of loan which they may make to a board of guardians under the authority of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, as amended by this Act. 15

The provisions of the nineteenth section of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, shall apply to the repayment of all amounts advanced as last aforesaid by way of loan to board of guardians as fully as if such advances had been specified in that section.

Funds for
preliminary
expenses of
loans.

8. In addition to the sum of five thousand pounds which it is provided by the fifteenth section of the Act of the session of Parliament held in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty-two, may be advanced by the Treasury to the Commissioners of Public Works in any one year, to be applied by them in making the necessary survey, inspection, and investigation, and in taking all other proceedings preliminary to making any loan or advance as therein mentioned, the Commissioners of Public Works may, at any time before the thirty-first day of March next after the passing of this Act, with the consent of the Treasury, out of any moneys placed at their disposal by Parliament for the making of loans, apply the further sum of five thousand pounds, or such other sum as the Treasury may from time to time deem necessary, for defraying the expenses mentioned in the said section. 20 25 30

Grant of
out-door
relief.

9. The Local Government Board shall, up to the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, be entitled to authorise the grant of out-door relief in food and fuel, or either, by order for the time and subject to the power of revocation stated in section three of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, and the said section three shall be read and construed in all respects as if the said first day of March one thousand eight hundred and 35 40

eighty-one had been there inserted instead of the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty. A.D. 1950.

10 Whenever by any award or otherwise the rent of any tenant shall be increased by reason or in respect of any works executed on his holding under the Relief of Distress, Ireland, Act, 1880, then, and in every such case, the works so executed shall, so far as such increase shall be paid by such tenant or his successor in title, be deemed to be improvements made by such tenant within the meaning of the fourth section of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870. Definition of Improvements under s. 4. of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870.

11. In this Act the term "the Fishery Piers Act" means the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter three, as altered or amended by any Act or Acts. Interpretation.

15 The term "Commissioners of Public Works" means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

The term "the Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

20 The term "the Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

**Relief of Distress
(Ireland) Act (1880)
Amendment.**

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(as amended in Committee)

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